

**IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT  
COUNTY OF SANTA FE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

State of New Mexico  
**Plaintiff,**  
Vs.

Number M-49-SW-2021-00003  
SFSO CASE #2021007949

IN THE MATTER TO THE ISSUANCE OF A  
SEARCH WARRANT-IN REGARDS TO:

A WHITE "PROP TRUCK" LOCATED AT 545 BONANZA CREEK ROAD, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87508. THE TRUCK HAS NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE "KML927." IT IS A WHITE IN COLOR, 2004 INTERNATIONAL 4300 DT466. THE VIN FOR THE VEHICLE IS 1HTMMAAMX4H657928. THE CARGO BOX FOR THE TRUCK IS A MARATHON TRUCK BODY WITH SERIAL NUMBER 92841. THE TRUCK HAS A BLACK FOLD DOWN LOADING RAMP AT THE REAR OF THE CARGO BOX.

**Defendant(s); Unknown**

**SEARCH WARRANT**

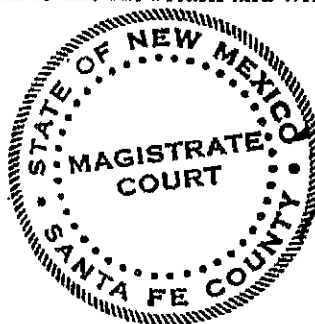
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO ANY OFFICER AUTHORIZED, TO EXECUTE THIS WARRANT.

Proof of Affidavit for Search Warrant, having been submitted to me, I am Satisfied that there is probable cause that the person named or property described in The Affidavit is located where alleged in the Affidavit and I find that grounds exist for the issuance of the Search Warrant. A copy to the Affidavit is attached and made a part of this warrant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to search forthwith the person of place described in the Affidavit between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., unless I have specifically authorized a night-time search. For the person or property described in the Affidavit. Serving this warrant with a copy of the Affidavit, and making the search and if the person or property to be found there, to seize the person or the property and hold for safekeeping until further order of this court.

You are further directed to prepare a written inventory of any person of property seized. You are further directed to file the return and written inventory with the Court promptly after its execution.

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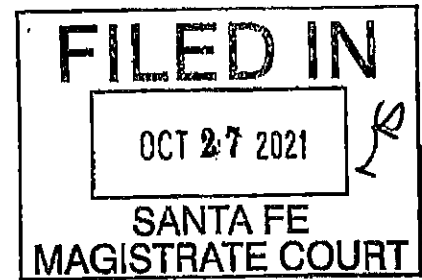


*[Handwritten Signature]*  
JUDGE

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**AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

Affiant, being duly sworn, upon her oath, states that I have reason to believe that on the following described premises.

**Vehicle to be searched:** A WHITE "PROP TRUCK" LOCATED AT 545 BONANZA CREEK ROAD, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87508. THE TRUCK HAS NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE "KML927." IT IS A WHITE IN COLOR, 2004 INTERNATIONAL 4300 DT466. THE VIN FOR THE VEHICLE IS 1HTMMAAMX4H657928. THE CARGO BOX FOR THE TRUCK IS A MARATHON TRUCK BODY WITH SERIAL NUMBER 92841. THE TRUCK HAS A BLACK FOLD DOWN LOADING RAMP AT THE REAR OF THE CARGO BOX.

**And that the facts tending to establish the foregoing grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:**

Affiant is a full-time, certified peace officer in the State of New Mexico, currently commissioned and salaried by the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office, where she serves as a detective within the Criminal Investigations Division of the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office. Affiant is currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Division. Affiant has approximately four years of law enforcement training and experience investigating criminal investigations.

**ITEM(S) TO BE SEIZED:**

1. Photographs of the exterior and interior of the vehicle.
2. Firearm(s), Firearm(s) components, documentation that establishes ownership of said firearm(s). Ammunition(s), used or unused whether it be live ammunition or prop ammunition, projectiles, casings whether spent or unspent.
3. All cameras, digital cameras, and film or memory cards used by cameras.
4. Any safe/combination locked mechanism which may house firearms or ammunition.
5. Clothing including but not limited to shirt(s), pant(s), hat(s), to include Old Western Style clothing worn by the actor/staff during the incident that may still be in the structure/building.
6. Latent and/or visible print(s), including but not limited to fingerprint(s) and footwear impression(s).
7. Fingerprint, palmprint and/or footprint standards sufficient for laboratory examination from any person(s) located at the herein-described premises and/or vehicle(s), to be searched.
8. Bodily fluid(s), bodily tissue(s) and/or bodily organ(s) including but not limited to saliva, semen, blood, bone fragments, skin, hair and/or any item(s) that may have said item(s) upon and/or within them.
9. Residue(s) apparently deposited by the discharge of firearm(s) and/or any explosion(s) and/or any item(s) and/or material(s) that may have said item(s) and/or material(s) on and/or within them.
10. Trace evidence, including but not limited to glass, hair and/or fiber(s) and/or any item(s) and/or material(s) that may have said item(s) on and/or within them.

**INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED:**

On Thursday, October 21, 2021, Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to 545 Bonanza Creek Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, in reference to an incident regarding a "Gunshot Trauma Wound."

Santa Fe Regional Emergency Communications Center (SFRECC), advised a male was "accidentally" shot by a prop gun and it was unknown if it had been a live round used.

Upon arrival, Deputy Nicholas LeFleur advised one female was shot in the chest and one male was shot in shoulder area. The female was identified as Cinematographer (Halayna Hutchins) and she was transported via helicopter to the University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH), located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for further medical care. The male identified as Joel Souza (Director), who sustained a gunshot wound to the shoulder, was transported via ambulance to Christus St. Vincent Hospital, located in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Upon arrival, Affiant learned, the location of the incident was inside of a structure located at 545 Bonanza Creek Road and the GPS location being N35.32.35, W106.5.52. Affiant learned the firearm used during the incident was secured by arriving deputies along with the ammunition.

During rehearsal for the movie, the prop-gun was fired by the Actor Alec Baldwin, striking the Cinematographer identified as Halayna Hutchins and Joel Souza (Director) who was behind the Cinematographer (Halayna Hutchins).

Affiant conducted an interview with Hannah Gutierrez, Armorer for the set. In the interview, Hannah advised on the day of the incident, she checked the "dummies" and ensured they were not "hot" rounds. Affiant also learned as the crew broke for lunch, the firearms were taken back and secured inside a safe on a "prop truck" on set. During lunch, she stated the ammo was left on a cart on the set, not secured. Hannah also advised that ammo was also kept inside the "prop truck." Hannah stated after lunch, Sarah Zachary pulled the firearms out of the safe inside the truck, and handed them to her. She advised there are only a few people that have access and the combination to the safe. During the course of filming, Hannah advised she handed the gun to Alec Baldwin a couple times, and also handed it to David Halls. When Affiant asked about live ammo on set, Hannah responded no live ammo is ever kept on set.

During an interview with David Halls, when Affiant asked David about the safety protocol on set in regards to firearms, he advised, "I check the barrel for obstructions, most of the time there's no live fire, she (Hannah) opens the hatch and spins the drum, and I say cold gun on set." David advised when Hannah showed him the firearm before continuing rehearsal, he could only remember seeing three rounds. He advised he should have checked all of them, but didn't, and couldn't recall if she spun the drum.

Affiant learned after the gun was fired, David Halls picked up the firearm from a pew inside the church, and took it to the Armorer (Hannah Gutierrez). Hannah then was told to "open" the gun so he could see what was inside. David advised he could only remember seeing at least four "dummy" casings with the hole on the side, and one without the hole. He advised this round did not have the "cap" on it and was just the casing. David advised the incident was not a deliberate act. When Affiant asked David about the safety protocol on set in regards to firearms, he advised, "I check the barrel for obstructions, most of the time there's no live fire, she (Hannah) opens the hatch and spins the drum, and I say cold gun on set." David advised when Hannah showed him the firearm before continuing rehearsal, he could only remember seeing three rounds. He

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When deputies arrived on scene, the prop-gun was handed to arriving deputies by Armorer (Hannah Gutierrez). Affiant was informed the prop-gun was properly secured in a marked patrol unit along with other prop-ammunition. The grey in color two tier cart, contained a western style belt and additional prop-ammunition which was secured by responding deputies.

The Cinematographer (Halayna Hutchins), who sustained a gunshot wound to the chest area, was later pronounced deceased at UNMH.

On Friday, October 22, 2021, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Santa Fe County Detectives made contact with Joel Souza (Director/Writer) whom sustained a gunshot wound to the right shoulder. Joel was given the opportunity to give a statement regarding the incident that occurred at 545 Bonanza Creek Filming Ranch in Santa Fe, New Mexico on Thursday, October 21, 2021.

Joel stated that the work day started at approximately 6:30 a.m. He advised the crew usually meets and has breakfast on the property. During the morning hours, the day started off late due to a camera crew walking off set the previous day (10/20/2021). The crew was replaced the following day (10/21/2021).

Joel said once they hired another camera crew to assist, the day was taking longer than usual because they only had one camera to do the filming. Joel was asked about the employees' behavior, and he said everyone was getting along there were no altercations that took place to his knowledge.

Joel said he was standing beside (Cinematographer) Halayna Hutchins viewing the camera angle on camera lens. The rehearsal took place inside the church building where Actor Alec Baldwin was sitting on a wooden pew facing south towards the camera and crew. Joel said the rehearsal entailed Actor Alec Baldwin cross drawing his weapon and pointing the revolver towards the camera lens. According to Joel it was his belief the gun being used in the rehearsal was safe and used the term "cold gun" when explaining the firearm safety announcements. He said he remembered the phrase "Cold Gun" being said, while preparing for the scene.

Joel explained what he knows about the firearm safety. He said what he knows is three people had been handling the guns or firearms for the scenes. He said the firearms are checked by Hannah Gutierrez, the Armorer, and then the firearm is checked by the Assistant Director Dave Halls, who then gives it to the Actor using the firearm. Joel said as far as he knows, no one gets checked for live ammunition on their person prior and after the scenes are being filmed. The only thing checked are the firearms to avoid live ammunition being in them. Joel stated there should never be live rounds whatsoever, near or around the scene.

Joel explained that prior to the discharge of the firearm by Actor Alec Baldwin, they had been working on preparing for the scene before lunch. Joel said they broke for lunch

around 12:30 p.m. and had to be shuttled to an area away from the set. Joel advised they returned back to the set after lunch, although he is not sure if the firearm was checked again. Joel stated they had Alec sitting in a pew in a church building setting, and he was practicing a cross draw. Joel said he was looking over the shoulder of Halayna, when he heard what sounded like a whip and then loud pop.

Joel then vaguely remembers Halayna complaining about her stomach and grabbing her midsection. Joel also said Halayna began to stumble backwards and she was assisted to the ground. Joel explained that he was bleeding from his shoulder and he could see blood on Halayna.

Once Santa Fe County Detectives completed the interview with Joel, I made contact with Reid Russel who is identified as a (camera-man) who was standing next to Joel and Halayna at the time of incident.

While speaking to Reid he stated he arrived early to eat breakfast on the day of incident. Reid told me he had much work to complete due to a camera crew of about six individuals walking out of the film. Reid stated the camera crew was having issues with production involving payment and housing. Reid also said that the camera crew that walked out on the film wrote a letter to production on disagreements.

Reid said while he was working with the camera in the setting for the movie, he had stepped out for about 5 minutes after returning from lunch. He said when he had returned back into the setting for the scene, Alec, Joel, and Halayna were already in possession of the firearm and had been preparing for the scene. He was not sure if the firearm had been checked due to his absence of the five minutes.

Reid went on to say, that while setting up his camera, there was no video or audio being filmed as it was just preparation of the scene and setting. Reid said while preparing, there was a shadow coming from the outside light and they had to move the camera at a different angle from Alec. He said Alec was trying to explain how he was going to draw out the firearm and where his arm would be at when the firearm was pulled from the holster.

Reid was not sure why the firearm was discharged and just remembered the loud bang from the firearm.

Reid said after the firearm was discharged, he remembered Joel having blood on his person, and Halayna speaking and saying she couldn't feel her legs. Reid stated once Halayana was on the ground, medics began to tend to her injury.

Reid was asked about the behavior of the people involved in the setting of the scene. He said everyone seemed to be getting along.

He was asked about Alec and the firearm and how he handled the firearm. Reid said Alec had been very careful, and brought up an instance when a scene was being filmed earlier. Reid said Alec had made sure it was safe and that a child wasn't near him when they were discharging a firearm during that scene.

On October 22, 2021, Detectives executed a search warrant at 545 Bonanza Creek Road, in Santa Fe County, New Mexico. During the execution of that warrant, firearms, ammunition, clothing, and other items of evidentiary value were recovered. Upon initial examination of the evidence collected, it appears live bullets were collected from the scene, pending further forensic examination. Due to the information received from Hannah, Affiant would like approval of a Search Warrant for the prop truck on scene, due to the statement received about firearms and ammunition being stored on the truck.

Based on the information and investigation, Affiant believes there are sufficient grounds sought for the issuance of a Search Warrant for the aforementioned vehicle, a white "prop truck" with New Mexico license plate "KML927." The truck is still on scene, and being secured by Santa Fe County Deputies.

Affiant has not included every fact related to this investigation, but has included only those facts, Affiant believes are necessary to establish probable cause, for the issuance of a Search Warrant.

Affiant is aware through training and experience that before, during and/or after the commission crime(s) there is often transfer of evidence between suspect(s), victim(s), witness(es) and/or their environment. This evidence may not be visible to the naked eye.

Affiant is aware people involved in the commission of crime(s) often attempt to conceal, tamper with and/or dispose of evidence, including but not limited to the herein-described item(s), to be seized.

At this time it is unknown if any weapons are within the structure.

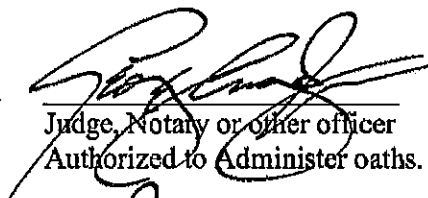
Affiant, respectfully requests the issuance of a search warrant regarding the aforementioned vehicle. It is important to document the condition and/or location of items found at the scene and/or their context within the scene. Based on the foregoing information, Affiant believes there is probable cause that items of evidentiary value may be identified within the vehicle, which could corroborate or refute the statements that have been provided at this time.



Affiant: Detective Alexandria Hancock  
Signature of Affiant

Detective  
Title of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to or declared and affirmed to before me in the above-named county of the State of New Mexico this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2021.

  
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Judge, Notary or other officer  
Authorized to Administer oaths.

Judge  
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Official Title

Approved for legal sufficiency and format  
By: Chief Deputy District Attorney Kent Wahlquist